

## MEMORIAL

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORY OF IOWA,

PRAYING

*The adjustment of the boundary line between that Territory and the  
State of Missouri.*

JANUARY 8, 1840.

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :*

Your memorialists the Council and House of Representatives of the Ter-  
ritory of Iowa,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT :

That for want of a definite boundary line, the civil authorities of the State of Missouri, under sanction of a law passed by the Legislature of that State, at its last session, have attempted an extension of its jurisdiction to a line within the limits conceded to Iowa upon its organization, and over which Missouri until since the last session of her State Legislature claimed no jurisdiction, and over which the Territorial Government of Michigan and Wisconsin wielded undisputed control. Your memorialists would farther represent, that the encroachments of the State of Missouri are calculated, and will, if persisted in, destroy that peace and harmony between our citizens and the citizens of the State of Missouri, so essential to the happiness, growth, and prosperity, of a country, throwing settlements into a state of constant excitement by threats of an array of military force to coerce us into submission to their mandates in order to evade the evils of a civil war between brethren of the same blood and tongue; we urge upon your honorable bodies the necessity of the speedy settlement of a question involving so deep an interest, and while we would ask your immediate action on this subject, we would throw ourselves upon your sense of justice to protect us from the evils forced upon us. With a firm reliance on your wisdom and honor to secure to us in peace that which our stronger sister is attempting to wrest from us by force. As the representatives of the people, we appeal to your patriotism and wisdom, and to your sense of justice, for the exercise of that power which belongs to your bodies and the Executive alone to settle this question; to which tribunal, and no other, do we look to establish the line, and whose decision alone we feel bound to recognise. And as in duty bound your memorialists will ever pray, &c.

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*Resolved*, that the Governor of this Territory forward one copy of this memorial to the President of the Senate of the United States, one to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and one to the Hon. W: W. Chapman, our delegate in Congress.

ED. JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Reps.*  
S. HEMPSTEAD,  
*President of Council.*

Approved, December 6, 1839.

ROBERT LUCAS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, IOWA TERRITORY,  
*Burlington, December 14, 1839.*

SIR: In compliance with the request of the Legislative Assembly, I have the honor to transmit to you the annexed memorial and resolution, with a request that the same may be presented to the body over which you preside.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

ROBERT LUCAS.

To the Hon. PRESIDENT of the United States Senate,  
*Washington City.*